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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:


Prior to examination, please first amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, insert "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION";

Page 1, after line 25, insert the following text:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

 Figs. 1a and 1b schematically depict a reaction scheme for synthesis of compounds according to the invention.